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In re Application of:
Shi et al.

Serial No. 10/698,222

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For: NON-CONTACT METHODS FOR
MEASURING ELECTRICAL
THICKNESS AND DETERMINING
NITROGEN CONTENT OF
INSULATING FILMS

Group Art Unit: 2863
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5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.8. ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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